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Re application of: Ayres  
Application No.: 09/887,318  
Filed: June 21, 2001  
For: A COATED, PLATFORM-GENERATING  
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Examiner: Simon J. Oh  
Date: February 11, 2003

Art Unit: 1615

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Enclosed is an Amendment for the above application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.

| CLAIMS AS AMENDED                       |                     |                         |               |         |         |
|---|---------------------|-------------------------|---------------|---------|---------|
| For                                     | No. after amendment | No. paid for previously | Present Extra | Rate    | Fee     |
| Total Claims                            | 47                  | - 87*                   | =             | \$9.00  | \$ 0.00 |
| Indep. Claims                           | 8                   | - 18**                  | =             | \$42.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT |                     |                         |               |         | \$0.00  |

\* greater of twenty or number for which fee has been paid.  
\*\* greater of three or number for which fee has been paid.

03/18/2003 ☒ 02/18/2003 ☒ Small entity status claimed for this application.

01 FC:2202 ☒ Please charge any fees that may be required in connection with filing this amendment and any extension of time, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4550. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

- ☒ A Marked-up Version of Amended Claims Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.121(b)-(c) is attached.
- ☒ Please return the enclosed postcard to confirm that the items listed above have been received.

Respectfully submitted,

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

This responds to the Office action dated December 18, 2002. Claims 1-87 are pending in the application and are rejected, and claims 35-57, 60-62, 64-72, 74-78 and 81 have been withdrawn from consideration.

Please amend the referenced application as follows:

**In the Claims:**

Please cancel claims 35-57, 60-72, 74-78 and 81 without prejudice. Applicant reserves the right to file continuing applications directed to a feature or features of these cancelled claims.

Please amend claims 1, 16, 17, 24, 30-34 and 83 as follows:

- A1 SUB*
- (Amended) A tablet, comprising:  
a core having (a) at least one active ingredient, and (b) a mixture of expandable materials, or greater than 25% by weight of an expandable material based upon total core weight, the expandable material or materials expanding upon exposure to an aqueous environment; and